



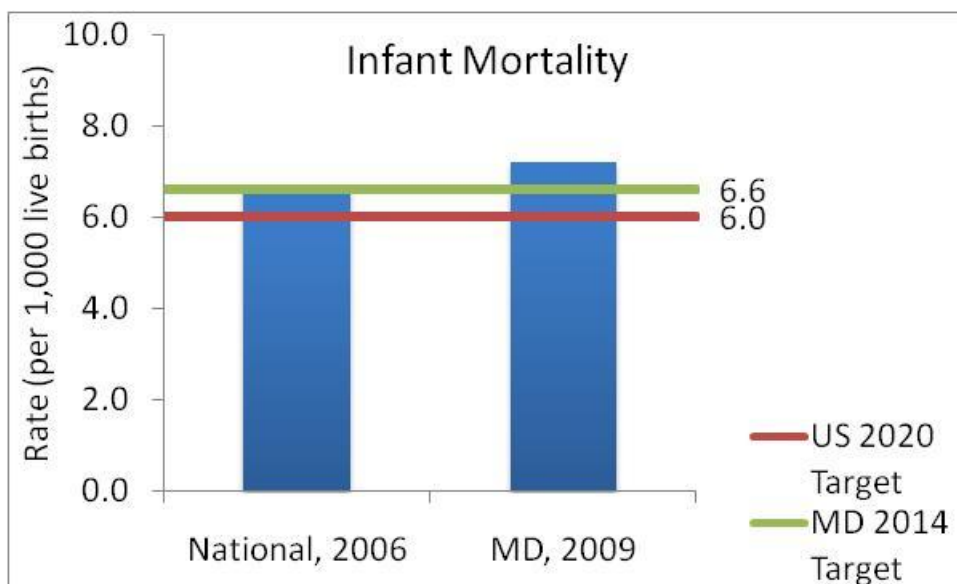
Vision Area 1: Healthy Babies

Objective 2: Reduce infant deaths

Infant mortality has long been considered the most sensitive indicator of the overall health of a population. While there have been several decades of improvement in infant mortality, Maryland's infant mortality rate remains higher than the national average of 6.7 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. According to the 2010 America's Health Rankings, Washington State and Massachusetts had the lowest infant mortality rate (4.8 infant deaths per 1,000 live births).

Statistics and Goals

Measure: Rate of infant deaths (per 1,000 live births)



Source: National Vital Statistics System and Maryland Vital Statistics Administration

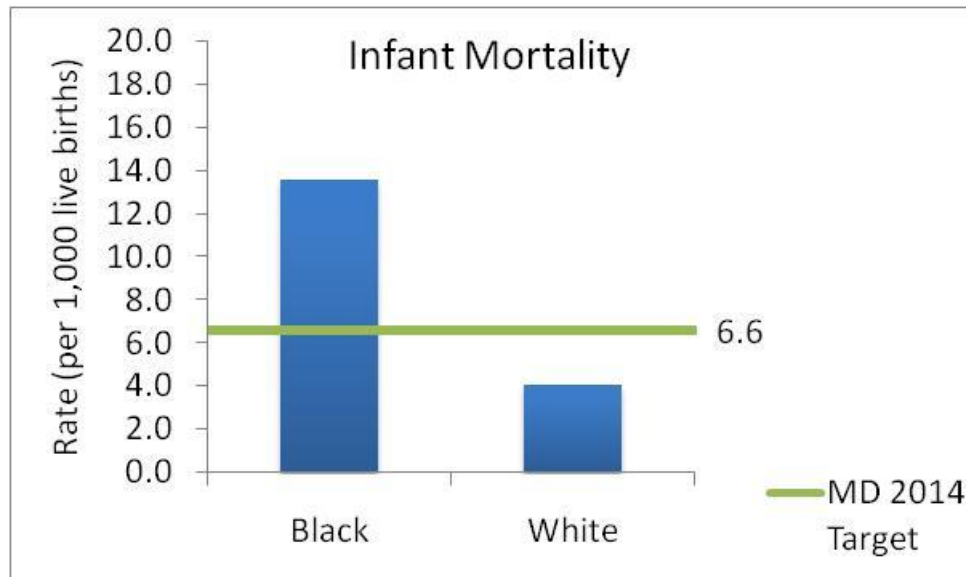
National Baseline	Current MD Baseline	Healthy People 2020 Target	MD 2014 Target
6.7	7.2	6.0	6.6

[Go to Healthy People 2020 Objective](#)

[Detailed data information](#)

Disparities in Maryland

Rate of infant deaths (per 1,000 live births) by race



Source: Maryland Vital Statistics Administration, 2009 - Infant mortality rates are per 1,000 live births by race of mother. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the death certificate. Data for persons of Hispanic origin are included in the data for each race group according to the reported race of the decedent. Hispanic rate includes all deaths to persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

Black	White	MD 2014 Target
13.6	4.1	6.6

[For more disparities information...](#)

